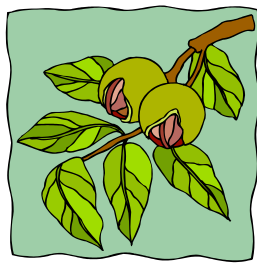
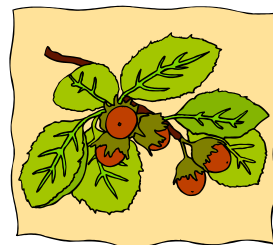


Reception



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Summer Term 2 2017

The topic for this half term will be.....

'Now That's What I Call Music!'

This will be the whole school topic theme for this year. Across this topic we will be looking at the music elements:

Dynamics, Pitch, Tempo Structure, Rhythm Timbre

We will also be focusing on different genres of music across the weeks, splitting the 4 main weeks into the following themes:

Week 1– Now That's What I Call Facts!

Week 2–Now That's What I Call Feelings

Week 3–Now That's What I Call Composing

Week 4- Now That's What I call Music!

The topic will also include workshops and assemblies from different musical groups and artists. The topic will be launched to the children on Monday 12th June where the staff will be competing, in their house teams, in a Lip Sync Battle. Each team will mime along to a well-known song and the children will vote on the best performers. It is sure to be a hilarious event for all to watch!

The finale to the topic will be a Music on The Field event, which parents and carers are invited to. Each class will perform a dance, song or musical piece for you. Please look out for the whole school topic letters coming to the website soon. The date for this event will be Friday 7th July. This topic is sure to be a fantastic learning opportunity for all the children!

EYFS SPORTS DAY

Thank you to everyone who came a supported our EYFS sports day. The weather stayed dry for us eventually and the children had a fantastic time.

The EYFS sports day results are as follows;

	Beat the Goalie	Obstacle Race	Javelin	Egg and Spoon
Am Event	Red	Green	Yellow	Blue
PM Event	Green	Red	Blue	Blue

All teams had a fantastic day and house points will be awarded for all teams. Well Done!

Dates to Remember

Week 3: Wednesday 21st June
EYFS Family Trip to Hobbledown

Week 4: Saturday 1st July
Hillcross Summer Fair.

Week 5: Thursday 6th July - Reception to Year One Parents information evening
6pm– 7pm.

Friday 7th July– Music on the Field event.

Week 6: Thursday 13th July
Reception Graduation Ceremony 6-7pm.

Week 7:
Friday 21st July– Last day of Term
School finishes at 1.30pm.

REMINDER

Please name all items of your children's clothing. We had a number of cardigans and jumpers left over from last term without names. Could we also ask that if you purchase jumpers or cardigans from our Second Hand Uniform sales that you change the names inside these to your child's name. This way we can be sure to return the items to the correct person.
Many Thanks





EYFS Graduation



Invitation For All Reception Children & Parents

As the children come to end of their Reception year, we hold an Early Years Graduation to celebrate the end of their Early Years' experience. This Year's Graduation ceremony will take place on:

Thursday 13th July 2017 from 6-7pm

There is no need to book tickets to this event but we do only offer **2 tickets per family** initially. The event will have a strict dress code of smart dress - so dress to impress—and will involve the children coming onto stage to collect their Learning Journey scrap books and annual school report; presented by Lisa Francis, our Head teacher.

It will last approximately 1 hour and therefore is not always suitable for siblings to attend so we would advise, where possible, that parents attend with their reception child only. There will be refreshments and your child's Graduation photograph to purchase— money from the sale of these items will go into the ongoing development of the outside learning environment. The Reception Graduation Photos will be £5 per photo, each photo is an individual picture of your child in a graduation outfit, framed with the title 'Hillcross Graduation' underneath.

We hope to see you all there!



EYFS Family Summer Trip 2017

Hobbledown

Wednesday 21st June



All families should have received the letter containing information about the final payment for the Hobbledown trip. We are so pleased to welcome so many family members on this trip, it is sure to be a fantastic day. Please can I ask all families to check their letter and then pay the required amount through Parent Pay. You will be required to input the amount specifically set for you and your requirements. If there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact a member of the EYFS team.

Reception to Year One Transition information Meeting

Thursday 6th July

6pm-7pm.

As the children come to end of their time in EYFS and begin to think about their move into Year One we would like to offer parents the opportunity to attend an information evening to discuss how we will be organising the transition for the children. This meeting will give you the opportunity to meet the new teachers and see the Year One classrooms. We will share information about the different expectations in terms of the new curriculum, the organisation of learning and how we develop the learning expectations across the year.

New Classes

As you are all aware, the children will be placed into new class groups for their transition into Year One. This process will begin over the coming weeks where staff will be observing who the children play well with and asking the children who they learn best with and who they are friends with. The staff will then organise the three new classes ready for Year One. As I am sure you can appreciate this is a process that requires a lot of consideration and one that the staff commits a lot of time and thought over. We want all the children to be happy in their new classes and to ensure we have selected the most suitable group for them to learn effectively in. The new classes will be announced to parents at the Year One transition meeting and the children will be informed the following day. From Monday 10th July the children will be in their new class group in Reception. This may mean coming in through a new classroom door, sitting on a new base room carpet for learning times and being dismissed at the end of the day from a different classroom door. This allows the children to settle with their new peers whilst in familiar surroundings, with familiar adults. **If you have any questions please come and speak to a member of staff.**

Home Learning

This term we will be launching a new Home Learning policy across the school. This means that Home learning within Reception will change. You will no longer receive weekly reading blurbs and home challenges to complete weekly and will instead be able to view our Home Learning Palette.

You will be able to access a wider range of learning opportunities at home that you can complete with your child. Please continue to use the blue communication books to write in your comments regarding your child's reading and learning. Please take some time to read the new Home Learning Policy on the school website to familiarise yourselves with the home learning expectations throughout the school.

EEXAT

We hope that you have all logged onto EEXAT to see your child's Learning Journey. You will be able to see your child's next page, Summer 1, next week. Please take some time to look at your child's learning then add your comments alongside your Key workers comments. We would also love to see some of your child's learning at home so please upload observations, comments, videos and photographs to EEXAT. Please be aware that there is a limit to 30 seconds for videos. So please keep them short!

Key Worker Update

As some of you are aware, Cara (Walnut class Practitioner) was looking to develop her career and become a teacher in the near future. Cara spent some time completing a placement in Year four during the spring term. We would like to confirm that Cara has now decided to continue her teaching practice further and so will not be returning to Reception.

Cara's key children will continue to be looked after by Steph Mayar and Louise Ephgrave for the remainder of the year.

Summer Term Outside Developments.

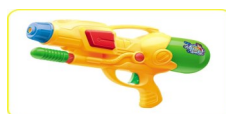
As the warm weather is now here we will be using the outside learning environment across the day and setting up even more activities. A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated pots, pans, cake tins etc. for the Mud kitchen. The children are making use of these utensils already!

As you can see our allotment is growing well and the children have enjoyed planting a range of vegetables across the past few months. We hope to have some ready to pick very soon. If anyone has any bulbs, plants or seeds that they would be willing to donate for us to plant in our flowerpots across the outside area, we would be very grateful. Another big thank you to Melanie Palmer and parents, in Hazelnuts, who donated a bag full of pipes, connectors and u-bends. The children have also loved playing with these.

We need to continue adding to our resources and are looking for;

Parasols and bases, picnic blankets, clothes pegs, builders tools, buckets, decking planks, plastic crates, large paintbrushes, water pistols and logs.

Thank You!



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